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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

<u>Please replace paragraph [0037], on page 14, , with the following paragraph and amended Reaction Scheme 4:</u>

[0037] For synthesis of compounds where the substituent on the piperazine ring is a keto group, Reaction Scheme 4 is employed.

Reaction Scheme 4

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Please replace paragraph [0078], on page 26, with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0078] Compound 15 (1 eq.) was dissolved, with warming, in EtOH, and hydrogenated over 10% Pd-C at room temperature and atmospheric pressure until H_2 uptake ceased. The mixture was filtered through—Celite—CELITE® and the solvent evaporated, giving an oil which was distilled under reduced pressure.

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